1080 or sodium fluoracetate kills the animals that consume it, by interfering with the citric acid cycle which is responsible for respiratory process. This causes the animal to die from heart on respiratory failure. 1080 poison is banned in most countries.

How would you feel if you were just a small native animal walking through the forest when all of a sudden, right in front of your face is a round blue and green object? You walk towards it and take a bite. You feel fine for a few days, till you fall asleep and don’t wake up.

This is the case for many native animals. 1080 is supposed to be used for killing pests, but that’s not happening. My argument is about why we should banned 1080 in New Zealand, and I will explain better and safer ways to get rid of pests.

1080 poison is a slow killer. When ingested, usually through baited food, the animal suffers a prolonged and horrific death. Herbivores take the longest to die, about 44hrs, but carnivores can up to 21hrs before finally succumbing to final effects of the poison. It has been estimated that baits laid for rabbits as well as possums threaten a further 50 -62 species.